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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONFERENCE

1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT AN ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) DELEGATION, LED BY GIANCARLO PAJETTA, A PARTY SECRETARY AND CHIEF OF THE PCI'S INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION, WILL LEAVE FOR BERLIN TODAY (OCTOBER 8) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OCTOBER 9-10 PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE CONFERENCE OF EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES (CECP). ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE FOR THIS INFORMATION, THE EAST GERMANS HAVE ADVANCED A NEW DRAFT DOCUMENT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING. HE DESCRIBED THE DOCUMENT AS PROVIDING A BASE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, IN CONTRAST TO EARLIER PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD BY THE EAST GERMAN PARTY WHICH PROVIDED NO ROOM FOR REAL DISCUSSION. OUR SOURCE ADDED THAT THE SPAN-

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ISH, YUGOSLAV AND ITALIAN PARTIES HAVE CONSULTED ON THE DRAFT

AND ARE PREPARED TO MAKE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS MODIFICATION.

2. OUR SOURCE STATED THAT THE PRESENT MEETING IS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE ANY FINAL DECISIONS ON THE DOCUMENT. RATHER IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE MEETING WILL DRAW UP SOME GUIDELINES TO BE UTILIZED IN FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE SMALLER DRAFTING GROUP. THE SOURCE SAID THAT A CRUCIAL POINT AT THIS JUNCTURE WILL BE THE POSITION OF THE FRENCH COMMUNIST PARTY. HE ADDED THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT THE PRESENT MEETING TO SET A FINAL DATE FOR THE CECF SINCE THE PCI IS NOT PREPARED TO AGREE TO A DATE UNTIL WORK ON THE FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT IS COMPLETED. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE CECF WOULD BE HELD PRIOR TO THE END OF THE YEAR. VOLPE

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